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Inter-country comparisons of the Academic Ranking of World Universities – OECD countries

Table 1: The number of universities in the World's Top-500 (Academic Ranking of World Universities) per million inhabitants - OECD countries

Country	Number of ARWU universities (2008)	Population in 1000s (2008)	Number of ARWU universities per million inhabitants	Top university (ARWU ranking: 1-503)
New Zealand	5	4188	1.2	University of Auckland (201-302)
Sweden	11	9159	1.2	Karolinska Institute Stockholm (51)
Switzerland	8	7584	1.1	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology - Zurich (24)
Finland	5	5307	0.9	University of Helsinki (68)
Austria	7	8333	0.8	University of Vienna (152-200)
Norway	4	4707	0.8	University of Oslo (64)
Australia	15	21016	0.7	Australian National University (59)
Belgium	7	10517	0.7	University of Ghent (101-151)
Denmark	4	5461	0.7	University of Copenhagen (45)
Ireland	3	4250	0.7	Trinity College Dublin (201-302)
Netherlands	12	16390	0.7	University of Utrecht (47)
United Kingdom	42	61085	0.7	University of Cambridge (4)
Canada	21	33095	0.6	University of Toronto (19)
Germany	40	82772	0.5	University of Munich (55)
United States	159	303825	0.5	Harvard University (1)
France	23	61840	0.4	University of Paris 6 (42)
Italy	22	58851	0.4	Three universities (101-151)
Greece	2	11218	0.2	University of Athens (201-302)
Hungary	2	10035	0.2	Two universities (303-401)
Japan	31	127568	0.2	University of Tokyo (19)
Korea	8	48607	0.2	Seoul National University (152-200)
Portugal	2	10620	0.2	Two universities (402-503)
Spain	9	44311	0.2	University of Barcelona (152-200)
Czech Republic	1	10262	0.1	Charles University Prague (201-302)
Poland	2	37927	0.1	Two universities (303-401)
Turkey	1	74767	0.0	University of Istanbul (402-503)
Mexico	1	106683	0.0	University Nacional Autonoma Mexico (152-200)
Iceland	0	301	-	-
Luxembourg	0	471	-	-
Slovak Republic	0	5393	-	-
OECD Total	447	1186542	0.4	Harvard University (1)
OECD - ACC				
Chile	2	..	-	Pontificia University Catolica (402-503)
Estonia	0	..	-	-
Israel	6	..	-	Hebrew University Jerusalem (65)
Russian Federation	2	141780	0.0	Moscow State University (70)
Slovenia	1	..	-	University of Ljubljana (402-503)
OECD - EEC				
Brazil	6	194228	0.0	University of Sao Paulo (101-151)
China	23	1336311	0.0	Six universities (201-302)
India	2	1186186	0.0	Indian Institute of Science (303-401)
Indonesia	0	..	-	-
South Africa	3	48832	0.1	University of Cape Town (201-301)
WORLD	503	6749678	0.1	Harvard University (1)

OECD - ACC = OECD Accession Candidate Countries

OECD - EEC = OECD Enhanced Engagement Countries

Table 2: Distribution of the World's Top-100 universities (Academic Ranking of World Universities) - OECD countries

Country	Number of ARWU universities (2008)	Percentage (%)	Top university (ARWU ranking: 1-100)
United States	54	54%	Harvard University (1)
United Kingdom	11	11%	University of Cambridge (4)
Germany	6	6%	University of Munich (55)
Canada	4	4%	University of Toronto (19)
Japan	4	4%	University of Tokyo (19)
Sweden	4	4%	Karolinska Institute Stockholm (51)
Australia	3	3%	Australian National University (59)
France	3	3%	University of Paris 6 (42)
Switzerland	3	3%	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology - Zurich (24)
Denmark	2	2%	University of Copenhagen (45)
Netherlands	2	2%	University of Utrecht (47)
Finland	1	1%	University of Helsinki (68)
Norway	1	1%	University of Oslo (64)
Austria	0	0%	-
Belgium	0	0%	-
Czech Republic	0	0%	-
Greece	0	0%	-
Hungary	0	0%	-
Ireland	0	0%	-
Italy	0	0%	-
Korea	0	0%	-
Mexico	0	0%	-
New Zealand	0	0%	-
Poland	0	0%	-
Portugal	0	0%	-
Spain	0	0%	-
Turkey	0	0%	-
Iceland	0	0%	-
Luxembourg	0	0%	-
Slovak Republic	0	0%	-
OECD Total	98	98%	Harvard University (1)
OECD - ACC			
Chile	0	0%	-
Estonia	0	0%	-
Israel	1	1%	Hebrew University Jerusalem (65)
Russian Federation	1	1%	Moscow State University (70)
Slovenia	0	0%	-
OECD - EEC			
Brazil	0	0%	-
China	0	0%	-
India	0	0%	-
Indonesia	0	0%	-
South Africa	0	0%	-
WORLD	100	100%	Harvard University (1)

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Background:

Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU): The ARWU is produced by the Institute of Higher Education at the Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Several indicators of academic or research performance are used to establish the ranking, these include highly cited researchers, articles indexed in major citation indices and staff winning Nobel Prizes. URL: <http://www.arwu.org/>

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